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ON LINE CLEARANCE USING DIGITAL SIGNATURES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether customs department had finalised plans to provide on-line clearances using digital signatures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the existing customs points in the country will be linked by this system; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Customs & CentralExcise Department is implementing the IndianCustoms and Central Excise Gateway project which envisages enabling importers, exporters, custom house agents, airlines and shipping lines to transact their business with Customs electronically and securely over the internet or with the help of Value Added Network Services (VANs) providers from their respective offices. For ensuring secure transactions over the Internet, all documents would be transacted through the gateway using Digital Signature Certificates.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. Only 23 major Customs locations will be linked through a network called Indian Customs and Central Excise Network (ICENET).